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**Response to December 12, 2002 Office Action**

This amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination and is further to the Notice of Appeal filed April 14, 2003. It is responsive to the Advisory Action mailed May 6, 2003.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.